the country as and when different service providers subscribe to E-bill post.

(b) and (c) Depending upon the result of pilot programme, and response from different service providers, further expansion of the service in Maharashtra and other parts of the country is to be worked out.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### Promotion of coir industry in Andhra Pradesh

2614. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:
(a) whether Government have conducted and survey about the units of coir industry in Andhra Pradesh and the number of workers working therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether Government have any action plan to develop and promote coir industry in Andhra Pradesh which has adequate potential in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government would formulate such a plan?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The district-wise details of manufacturing units/household units and the workers engaged therein are as follows:

| Sl. No. | District | Manufac-turing Units | House hold | Direct Labour | Indirect Labour |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 | East Godawari | 79 | 12247 | 20404 | 6121 |
| 2 | Srikakulam | 75 | 4071 | 9450 | 2826 |
| 3 | Visakhapatnam | 7 | 625 | 1424 | 427 |
| 4 | West Godavari | 11 | 3688 | 5363 | 1609 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Vizianagram | — | 685 | 2273 | 682 |
| 6 | Krishna | — | 177 | 242 | 75 |
| 7 | Chittoor | 2 | — | — | — |
| 8 | Rangareddi | 1 | — | — | — |
| 9 | Mehdak | 2 | — | — | — |
| 10 | Others | — | — | 216 | — |
| | TOTAL: | 177 | 21493 | 39372 | 11740 |

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Action Plan *inter-alia* propose to:

(i) organise awareness programmes and entrepreneurship development programmes;

(ii) identify and train entrepreneurs;

(iii) identify financial agencies for providing financial assistance to the entrepreneurs;

(iv) Strengthen the marketing of products both domestic and export sector by arranging market linkages with different agencies;

(v) arrange training programmes for skill upgradation, development of innovative products and set up demonstration-cum-production centres;

(vi) promote production of blended coir products.

**Margin money scheme for setting up agro based and other rural industries**

2615. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a margin money scheme for setting up agro based and other rural industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of SSI units set up under the scheme, State-wise, as on the 31st December, 2001 with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;